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SUBJECT: CONTENT OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS RE USAF STRIKES IN LAOS

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1. WE HAVE NOTED UNWARRANTED HESITANCY OF DOD SPOKESMAN TO DENY CATEGORICALLY THAT THERE HAVE BEEN AIRSTRIKES RECENTLY IN LAOS. (SEE REFTEL TRANSCRIPT OF 28 MARCH DOD MORNING NEWS BRIEFING.) THERE IS NO NEED FOR SPOKESMAN TO OBFUSCATE, ESPECIALLY AT TIME WHEN THE OTHER SIDE' S STATEMENTS AND BROADCASTS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY STRIDENT IN DEMANDING THAT THE U. S. STOP ITS ALLEGED BOMBING IN LAOS.

2. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF THE FACTS WERE FIRMLY STATED AT THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY. TO WIT: THERE HAVE BEEN NO RPT NO USAF AIRSTRIKES ON LAOTIAN TERRITORY SINCE THE 22 FEB 1973 CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT BECAME EFFECTIVE, EXCEPT FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF B-52 STRIKES ON 23 FEB. THESE WERE AT THE REQUEST OF THE ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT, TO HIT NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS WHO HAD FLAGRANTLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIOLATED THE LAO AGREEMENT BY ATTACKING AND CAPTURING THE TOWN
OF PAKSONG ON THE BOLOVENS PLATEAU AFTER THE TIME OF THE CEASE-
FIRE. DECON AFTER ONE YEAR.
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